Restoration of fiscal and judicial rights of tribals

2553. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gram Sabhas are in existence in the tribal communities;

(b) whether these Sabhas have been empowered to deal with the restoration of fiscal and judicial rights of the tribals; and

(c) the details of constitutional efforts taken by Government to make tribals understand our judicial system and administrative machinery?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gram Sabhas have been legally empowered under PESA Act, 1996 to manage community resources and resolve disptues as per their customs and traditions.

(c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has initiated an exercise to draft a Nyaya Panchayat Bill which may be extended to tribal areas.

Categorising of primitive tribes

2554. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of primitive tribes and what are the characteristics for categorising some tribes as primitive; and

(b) the details of these tribes covered under Janshree Bima Yojana in the country in general and in Orissa in particular?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Tribal communities which have a pre-agricultural level of technology, low levels of literacy, are economically backward and have a declining or stagnant population are classified as Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). On the basis of these characteristics, the Government has identified 75PTGs in the country. The details of identified PTGs, and number of PTG households for which the Ministry has released funds to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including Orissa to cover them under the Janshree Bima Yojana are given at Statement.